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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent documents listed on the enclosed citation Form PTO-1449. A copy of the non-English patent documents and counterpart abstracts also are enclosed.

### STATEMENT/PETITION/FEE

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### REMARKS

Japanese Patent Document No. 2001-265088 is discussed at least at page 3, line 6 through page 4, line 2 of the specification.

Japanese Patent Document Nos. 2-21591, 59-100471, 64-43301, 3-145678, and 2002-328493, are discussed at least at page 4, line 26 through page 6, line 11 of the specification. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003-0091922 A1 is identified as being in the patent family of Japanese Patent Document No. 2002-328493.

Japanese Patent Document Nos. 56-13945, 36-10231, 59-53856, and 59-61842, are discussed at least at page 66, line 26 through page 67, line 20 of the specification.

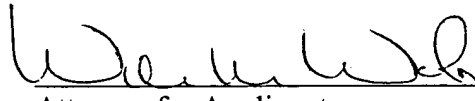
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,



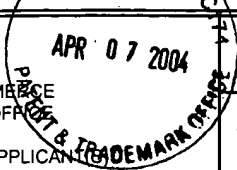
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|                                                                            |  | <b>2003-0091922 A1</b>                                                          | <b>05/15/03</b> | <b>Okado, et al.</b>                      | <b>430</b> | <b>111.33</b>                        | <b>02/25/02</b>                       |
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|                                                                            |  | <b>36-10231</b>                                                                 | <b>07/11/36</b> | <b>Japan</b>                              |            |                                      | <b>No</b>                             |
|                                                                            |  | <b>56-13945</b>                                                                 | <b>04/01/81</b> | <b>Japan</b>                              |            |                                      | <b>Abstract</b>                       |
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